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For Paris. Re Jordan please inform working level that (1) US prepared authorize sale HAWKS and related ground equipment if G OJ decides purchase British planes (2) US has made no other commitment to British or to Jordanians (3) If queried you may say you will inquire whether US would be prepared consider similar offer to Jordanians to accompany attractive French offer of MIRAGES. However we still not contemplating financial support, and (4) Same guidance contained Deptel 1998 re Saudi Arabia. (5) If queried re Lebanon suggest you respond you informed but will inquire.

For ~~Beirut~~ London. Please form Foreign Office of foregoing. Re your 2070 and related approach by British Embassy here, we deem it important to US-French relations for us see French alone initially. Otherwise we have accommodated our approach to UK requests. Stress our view that UK should make presentation to Lebanon forthwith. Assume UK Embassy Paris will want also inform GOF re (1) and (4) above.

For Beirut. Re your 417 no joint US-UK approach intended. If queried by G OL after UK approach, Embassy should confirm our readiness offer HAWKS ~~as~~ part of package with British planes.

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For Amman. At your discretion you may review with King USG's consistent recommendations that GOJ seek Western European aircraft. We now have offered participate in package with UK in event Jordan opts for Lightning. No change policy involved. However USG frankly sees advantages in sale British supersonics in view Jordan's long experience cooperation and established relationships with UK, including military. End GP-3

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